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U.S.: C-Eye-A Spied on Jane

Washington, Feb. 1 (SUPI)—The government acknowledged today that the Central Intelligence Agency intercepted during the early 1970s overseas mail addressed to actress and antiwar activist Jane Fonda.

Justice Department officials said the CIA's interception of Miss Fonda's foreign mail would be explained, possibly later this week, in a brief filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles.

The brief will respond to Miss Fonda's law suit in which she seeks \$2.8 million damages for an alleged conspiracy by government officials to harass her because of her antiwar activity, included in the long list of defendants 19 former President Nixon.

The CIA has been accused of conducting illegal spy operations, but the Justice Department refused to say if the "mail cover" was conducted in the U.S. or in foreign nations.

Earlier, the government conceded that agencies other than the CIA kept files on Miss Fonda, 37, and that the FBI, without subpoena or warrant, was given access to her bank records.

Court records also show the FBI overheard more than 40 phone conversations involving Miss Fonda during 1970 and 1971 and duplicated names from her address book in November 1970, when her baggage was seized by customs agents in Cleveland.

Miss Fonda complained that the surveillance constituted a conspiracy to harass and intimidate her for her criticism of U.S. military involvement in Indochina. But the government has argued that its actions were legal and did not violate Miss Fonda's constitutional rights.

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